

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-56. All pending and withdrawn claims are listed below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-56 (cancelled)

57. (original) A self-service dispenser for dispensing at least one portable gaming device including:

said dispenser being controlled by a computer;

said gaming device receiving data from said computer while being housed in said dispenser; and

said data enabling operation of said portable gaming device following dispensing of said gaming device from said dispenser.

58. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 further including a latch for securing said gaming device in said dispenser, said latch being released upon a predetermined event.

59. (original) The dispenser of claim 58 wherein said predetermined event is insertion of monetary consideration into said dispenser.

60. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser receives from said portable gaming device an identification of said gaming device while said gaming device is housed in said dispenser.

61. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said data includes a bingo card.

62. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said data includes an encryption key.

63. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said gaming device includes a transceiver for wireless communication with said computer while being outside of said dispenser.

64. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser charges a gaming device battery while said gaming device is housed in said dispenser.
65. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser includes a bill validator for accepting monetary consideration in return for said gaming device.
66. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser includes a card reader for reading a player club card.
67. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser includes a printer for printing a sales receipt.
68. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser includes a barcode reader for reading barcodes on said sales receipt.
69. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser maintains an account for at least one user of said gaming device.
70. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser credits said account upon return of said gaming device to said dispenser.
71. (original) The dispenser of claim 57 wherein said dispenser refunds the balance of said account upon return of said gaming device to said dispenser.